Sponsored Serials approved by Doordarshan

240. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of sponsored serials and the names of producers approved by Doordarshan during the year, 1986;

(b) whether Government propose to invite fresh proposals also from producers who intend to make serials; and

(c) if so, by when and what would be the guidelines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) All the proposals for sponsored serials registered with Doordarshan from 1-5-85 to 7-5-86 were considered by the Selection Committee at Doordarshan in 1986 and the Committee has finalised its views in respect of all of them. However, it is not possible to indicate the particulars of serials and the names of their producers which will be finally approved for telecast because the pilots are being submitted for approval from time to time.

(b) At present Doordarshan is not accepting any new proposal for serials.

(c) Does not arise.

Equipment leasing business

241. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has recently permitted any nationalised bank or Financial institution to undertake equipment leasing business; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India has recently permitted the Central Bank of India to set up a subsidiary for transacting leasing equipment business. The Central Bank of India jointly with the Unit Trust of India and Housing Development Finance Corporation will have equity participation in the proportion of 51:30:19 respectively.

Pending applications for telecast of serials

242. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for telecast of serials pending with Government as on 31st March, 1987;

(b) the time since when these are pending; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in taking decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No proposal was pending as on 31st March, 1987.

(c) Does not arise.

Investment of black money in core sectors

243. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to induce investment of black money in the core sectors of national economy; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when it is likely to be formulated;